



**The National Association for the *Employment* of People who are Blind**

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The National Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind (NAEPB), which is composed of AbilityOne providers, believes that gainful employment is the most certain path for people who are blind to achieve economic independence and full integration in society. To that end, NAEPB has long believed that people who are blind can and should earn a full and fair wage and be afforded opportunities to advance to their highest career potential.

Every one of the over 5,400 people who are blind who are employed in the AbilityOne program earns minimum wage or above. NAEPB envisions a nation without barriers to employment and independence. Therefore, we fully and unequivocally support the elimination of section 14c of the Fair Labor Standards Act.